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### THE GREATER VALUES.

Some years ago a mayor of New York City was on the crest of the wave of popularity. He had finished his first administrative year with such conspicuous success that even his political enemies acknowledged it; moreover, a crazy man had made an attempt on his life, which had almost succeeded and from which he was slowly recovering. He had the sympathy as well as the approval of his fellow citizens.

It was then that the leaders of one of the great political parties wrote to the mayor and offered him the nomination for governor at the coming convention. The mayor declined the nomination.

One of the leaders then wrote a personal letter to the mayor in which he said: "Surely you do not realize what you are declining. You are certain of the nomination, and there is every indication that you will be elected by an unusually large majority in the fall. Each an election would make you the leading candidate of our party for the presidential nomination. There is no question in our minds that our nominee will be the next President of the United States. Think it over again, Mr. Mayor!"

The mayor replied: "After one has gone down into the valley of the shadow of death as I have, and there faced the great realities, all these things seem mighty small!"

To most of us it is given to see that truth only occasionally, and then but dimly. The great delusion of life is that these things are tremendous in value. It seems so supremely important that we prosper in material things—that we make money, that we are well thought of, that we reach high stations, that our health does not fail, that we prolong our life. Of course these are all good things that naturally and rightly we value for ourselves and for those we love, but they do not belong in the category of the GREAT things. To be clean, to be honest through and through, to be filled with the spirit of service, to be true to our best to grow into the spirit of Christ—these after all, are the supreme things of life. Only the unseen things are eternal.—Youth's Companion.

The question of the right of the state and county to tax lands under government projects, it would seem, should be determined by joint action of all projects in the United States so the expense might be shared by all those benefited. The idea of sending a junketing committee somewhere every time an excuse can be concocted, is a very venient proceeding on the part of the water users of the Carlsbad project. The water users have now to pay four times as much for association dues as the nominal cost should be. Then each per acre on 25,000 acres costs \$2,500 which should be ample to conduct the business. Where does \$10,000 per year go? We do not know, for no statement has been published for years, though the publication of statements never cost more than one cent per line less than the local rate. In fact were published for half what should have been paid—or ten cents per line.

The mail service from Carlsbad to Malaga is becoming more rotten fast. When the first packages of this paper were carried by and returned several days after we had mailed another a few weeks ago, we supposed it an error that might be overlooked though the subscribers were quite inconvenienced and several "phoned and wanted to know what was the matter with the Current. The matter will be taken up with the department and an effort made to learn the cause, for last week again the package was carried by and now patience is becoming wearied.

### LOCAL NOTICES.

The Current feels that it must again remind its friends and patrons that it cannot accept local notices of any nature of the classified ad. variety over the phone from parties having no account with this office. Too many forget to call and pay for the notices if inserted. In case you wish to phone in a notice, please have it done by some business house which will be responsible for no notice is wanted, or will be published, otherwise. We have been beat too often. If you want a notice, figure it at five cents for six words for all notices over twenty-five words. Under that number twenty-five cents for each notice, even if only one word.

The effort of Germany to make peace is taken by some as a sign that the central powers are becoming exhausted. It is not at all probable the great powers of Germany, Austria and Turkey would propose peace unless they were confident of success, for it gives them every reason to make the war more terrible if the allies refuse to consider their peace proposals. It would seem that the central powers are making plans to prosecute the war on a more hellish plan than ever before tried or they would not have made the proposal for peace.

The effort of the Community Christmas tree committee to bring the public out en-masse to share alike in Christmas songs and cheer is commendable and should be aided in every way possible.

### TO TEST THE LAW.

Last Saturday two meetings were held by the Water Users of the Carlsbad Project to hear the report of a committee that visited El Paso to consult a lawyer in regard to the tax matter, it being held by some that on account of the government holding title to all lands under the project until the water rights are paid that the state and county could not legally tax the land. The advice of a lawyer was sought by the Water Users who made a proposition to carry a case to the supreme court at a cost of about \$2,000 in the event he lost and seventeen per cent of the taxes saved to be added if he won. Many of the water users have signed a contract to pay the amount but, of course, this will not bind those who do not sign unless the board of directors might see fit to raise the charges to members.

The following on the subject was cited from the Reclamation Record by C. W. Beeman:

#### Taxing of Homestead Entries Under Reclamation Law.

April 29, 1916, the United States District Court for Idaho handed down a decision in the case brought by the United States against the authorities of Canyon County, Idaho, to enforce the county officials from taxing lands of the interests of settlers therein, in what is known as the Boise project, Idaho. All the lands involved were public lands of the United States at the time the project was initiated, and for the purposes of the present consideration the court divided them into two classes, to-wit: First, entries where the entrymen had made proof before the Land Office in conformity with the general provisions of the homestead law but had not fully complied with the additional provisions of the reclamation act requiring the reclamation of one-half of the irrigable area of the entries; second, entries where the entrymen had made proof not only of compliance with the homestead law but also cultivation of one-half of the area as required by the reclamation law and for which had been issued under the act of August 9, 1912, (37 Stat., 265), reserving a lien to the United States for the unpaid water charges.

The court held with respect to the second of the above classes that—

Admittedly upon the issuance of such a patent, if not before, the entrymen may exercise absolute domain and control over the land and the water right, with full power to occupy, to use, to mortgage, and to sell the same.

After discussing an irregularity in the tax proceedings as to the form and manner in which the levy and assessment were made, and concluding that the tax proceedings were only intended to be an assessment of and a proceeding against the interest or equity of the entrymen in the lands, exclusive of the right of the Government, the court disposed of the contention as to the second class of lands as follows: That the contention made by the United States, that the patent in this class of cases, which conditional and conveys to the entrymen only "a conditional right to the use and occupation of the land" is not tenable; "the patent is absolute and conveys title in fee simple to the entryman." A further contention on the part of the Government that to be valid at all the tax must of necessity be deemed to create a lien superior to that reserved to the Government in its patent, the court says, had more resemblance of merit but must be denied, the court remarking:

It is to be borne in mind that the county is not putting forth such a claim of superiority. On the contrary, it concedes that its tax is in subordination to the Government's lien. The plaintiff's position is that such a concession is incompetent, and hence ineffective, and that the county must tax all or nothing and can not sell subject to the lien. Authority for this view is supposed to be found in N. P. Ry. Co. v. Trail County (115 U. S., 600). But whatever significance might legitimately be attached to this case if it stood as the only or the last expression of the Supreme Court upon the subject, it is unnecessary to inquire, for to so far as it is pertinent to the present issue it must be deemed to have been limited in its application, if not modified, by the more recent opinion of that court in Baltimore Ship Building Co. v. Mayor et al. (196 U. S., 375), which enunciates principles so conclusive in favor of the defendants, of the issues under this branch of the case that further discussion is thought to be unnecessary.

Relative to the first class, that for which patent had not yet issued, the court held that—

Upon proof of compliance with the general homestead law and the issuance of a certificate to that effect, they (the entrymen) become possessed of rights of which they can be divested only through their default or voluntary relinquishment. It is a vested interest which they have, and not a bare option to purchase when and if the Government sees fit to sell. The interest would seem to be quite as substantial as, and of equal dignity to, the right of the holder of an unpatented mining claim, and it has been repeatedly held that such a claim is taxable. Generally speaking, one who has the right to property and is not excluded from its use and enjoyment should not be permitted to use the legal title of the Government to avoid his just share of taxation.

And the court concludes that in this first class of cases the interests of the settlers are subject to taxation.

In the Myndd Newydd coal mines, in Wales, there is a chapel at the bottom of the shaft, so that when the miners descend the pit they can go to their devotions and thence to their work.



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### INTERVIEWLETS.

N. B. Butcher was in from the head of Black river yesterday and when interviewed, said: "I am busy building a road from Goyer Spring to Carlsbad which road connects at the state line with the Culberson county, Texas, road around the Point and on to Van Horn. We are clearing and grading the line and later will grade in places. When the work is done I will come in and tell you all about it. I am now carrying the mail to Presidio twice a week and the cost of the service is borne by the patrons but after January 1 we expect the government to pay at least 100 cents a month for this work. After the work on the road is finished, I expect to work between the state line and the Point, a distance of about fifteen miles which road needs considerable repairing. When this is completed it will connect with the road now being worked around the Point to connect with the line from Oranore to Van Horn and also with the line from the Point to Sierra Blanca, from which point there is a good road to El Paso."

### THE NEW BANK.

Persistent rumors have been in circulation for some time concerning a new bank for Carlsbad and that G. M. Cooke, the retired cashier of the First National Bank, was the moving spirit in the enterprise. Yesterday he was interviewed on the subject and said: "Yes, the organizers of the new State National Bank who have subscribed so much stock that I have refused further subscriptions at present are: Tom Runyan, W. J. Barber, H. C. Kerr, C. R. Brice, R. B. Armstrong and G. M. Cooke. We will be unable to open under sixty days and from present indications, we will commence business about March 1, in the Schlitz building now occupied as a meat market and shoe shop. However, should this building not be secured or considered unsuitable, we will build."

### CURRY PETITIONS BOW.

District Attorney Elett Will be Asked to Appoint an Assistant From This County, Giving Many Good Reasons For The Appointment.

—Clovis Journal.

A petition is in process of service upon District Attorney Dow asking that some lawyer of Curry County be appointed assistant district attorney, an arrangement of the officials of this office which under the passing administration has been most effective and a money saver to the people of this district. Among the reasons stipulated for appointment some lawyer of this county to the position of assistant, is the fact that a district attorney is a resident of a southern county of the district, that should an assistant be appointed from that county or its neighboring county to the north, that Roosevelt and Curry counties would be subjected to much expense in the matter of railroad fare on the thousands of occasions when the district attorney or his assistant is required to be present.

In view of this and many other matters that have been taken into consideration, Curry county favors that her position is eligible to favorable disposition.

### NOTHING SO GOOD.

The following from an Albuquerque lady who finds no fruit cake like the Model Market cake, may be of interest:

The Model Market and Bakery:—When I was in Carlsbad several days ago I purchased two fruit cakes from you. Now I would like to get six more and am enclosing my check for \$4.80 in payment for same. I want you to send 3 of the fruit cakes to Mrs. Harry F. Lee, Santa Fe, N. M., 229 Federal Place, and three of them to me in Albuquerque.

Wish you would pack them so they won't break. Will you kindly let me know if you can't fill this order, and greatly obliged.

MRS. F. B. SCHWENTKER,  
615 West Roma Ave.,  
Albuquerque, N. M.

Hotel Bates let the contract for steam heating yesterday to Buck Dunn, foreman with the Roswell Hardware Co. Vacuum steam heating for the entire hotel is quite an item. The building occupies half a block and the north half of the building is to be heated by the 15th of February, and all the work completed by the first of March. The dining room, lobby, bed rooms and in fact the entire hotel will be heated by steam. This is a wonderful improvement and will be doubly appreciated on a morning like this, Friday, Dec. 15th, by the guests of the Bates. The Bates Bros. are wide awake men and eminently fitted by experience to cater to the trade and make everyone comfortable and cozy.

## CHURCH NEWS

**BAPTIST CHURCH.**  
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.  
Preaching service, 11 to 12 a. m.  
B. Y. P. U. 6:30 p. m.  
Preaching service 7:30 p. m.  
Choir practice 7:30 p. m., Tuesday.  
Prayer meeting 7:30 p. m., Wednesday.

**GRACE CHURCH (EPISCOPAL).**  
Lord's Day Services:  
Holy communion 1st. Lord's day at 11 a. m.  
Morning prayer and sermon at 11 a. m., on all other Lord's Days.  
F. W. PRATT, Vicar.

**METHODIST CHURCH.**  
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Preaching at 7:30 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to all to come and worship with us.  
A. C. BELL, Pastor.

**ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH**  
Sunday at 10 a. m. High Mass and sermon.  
During the week holy mass every morning at 8:15 o'clock except Saturday morning at 7 o'clock.  
The ladies of the Presbyterian church will hold their bazaar at Thorne's furniture store tomorrow afternoon.

### Gems In Verse

**COMING ALONG**  
TALK of the country; it's coming along.  
With a bit with a smile and a song.  
Feel that you trust it, and say it right out.  
Uncle Sam knows what he's talking about.  
Talk of the country.  
You better be sure  
It's going to grow.  
And it's bound to endure.

Talk of the country; don't feel  
Of those that are seeking to  
harm.  
Just you believe that it's right,  
and  
There are lots of your neighbors—  
your mind.  
Talk of the country.  
It's turning away.  
As busy as ever  
At work and at play.

Talk of the country; it's going the gait.  
Swinging along to a livelier fate.  
Magic and merry with business and strife.  
Progress and honor and beauty of life.  
Talk of your country.  
No use to fear  
The faint of the cynic,  
The scoff and the sneer.

Talk of the country; it's fine as you'd wish.  
Bubbling and humming, its old flag  
arise.  
Its heart in communion with right and  
with truth,  
Strong in each muscle and sound in each  
tooth.  
Talk of the country;  
It's coming along.  
Help it a bit.  
With a smile and a song.  
—Baltimore Sun.

**HIDDEN TREASURE.**  
MOTHER keeps a hidden treasure in a bureau drawer she locks.  
And the treasure chest that holds it's a yellowed paper box.  
And the treasure that is in it's really nothing much to see.  
But's guarded as the jewels of a throne could never be.  
Just a little baby slipper, worn all shiny on the sole.  
Just a tiny little stocking, in the toe a tiny hole.  
And the tiny feet that wore them in the journey of the past  
Are tottling now in memories that all her life will last.

**WHEN she takes the tiny treasure from its secret hiding place**  
Somehow softer lights seem fallen on her dear old mother face.  
And the loving hand caresses are a silent mother prayer.  
For the footsteps of the baby that she seems to vision there.  
For the baby that had worn them is a baby to her still  
In a corner of her heart no other love can ever fill.  
Yes, the baby that had worn them, baby still will always be.  
Though the years have turned that baby into great, big grownup me.  
—Hazel Conklin.

**WHICH ARE YOU?**  
THERE are two kinds of people on earth today.  
Just two kinds of people, no more.  
I say.  
Not the sinner and saint, for 'tis well understood  
That the good are half bad and the bad are half good.  
Not the rich and the poor, for to count a man's wealth,  
You must know the state of his conscience.

T. F. BLACKMORE If its C. O. SWICKARD

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and health  
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little things  
Who puts on vain airs is not counted a  
man.  
Not the happy and sad, for the swift fly-  
ing years  
Bring such man his laughter and each  
man his tears.  
No, the two kinds of people on earth that  
I mean  
Are the people who lift and the people  
who loam.  
Wherever you go you will find the world's  
masters  
Are always divided in just these two  
classes.  
And, oddly enough, you will find, too, I  
mean,  
There is only one lifer to twenty who  
leaves  
In which class are you? Are you easing  
the load  
Of overtaxed lifters who toll down the  
road.  
Or are you a leader who lets others bear  
Your portion of labor and worry and care?  
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

**MISSOURI FARM.** Will consider New Mexico land. See me at my residence one block east of Court House.  
J. F. HUNICK,  
Carlsbad, N. M.

**LOST.**—Two new comforters between stock pens and Carlsbad. Finder return to Peoples Mercantile Co. and receive reward.

**\$18,500.00 Worth**  
Chaves county property to trade for Eddy county unimproved land, under Carlsbad Project. Write Box 173, 15-dec-3. Dexter, N. M.

**FOR SALE.**—Laying pullets. See Mrs. H. C. Dickson, or phone 36N. **APPLES FOR SALE.**—2 1-2 cents a lb. Blue Springs Ranch, 18 miles south-west of Carlsbad.

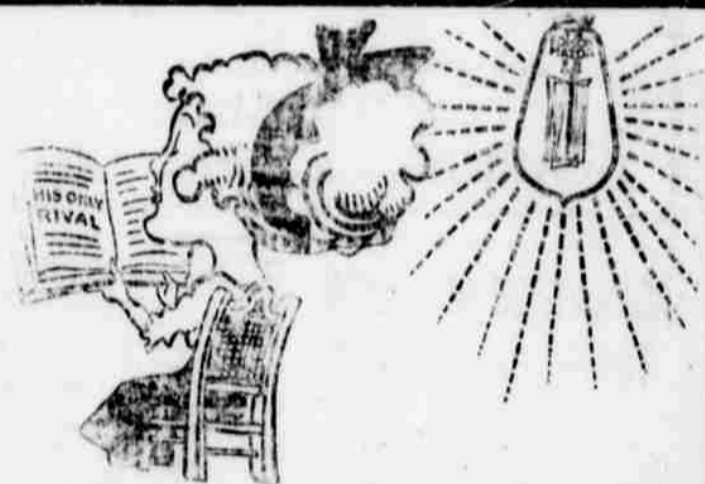
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